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In re Application of: Helmut Steinhilber et al.

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Title: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR SELECTING

THE SHEETS OF A RECORD CARRIER

FROM A PILE

MAIL STOP – AMENDMENT

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed June 14, 2006, Applicants respectfully submit the following amendments set forth below and request favorable action thereon.

Amendments to Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.